



Replacement of Lower Lake Walk-in Tent Sites at Boulton Creek Campground in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where are Lower Lake and Boulton Creek Campgrounds?

The Lower Kananaskis Lakes area is located in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park. A beautiful and popular recreation destination, there are several campgrounds that surround Lower Kananaskis Lake. The lake is located along the Kananaskis Lakes Trail/Highway AB-742, about 80km south of the TransCanada Highway. Boulton Creek campground is located on the east side of the Kananaskis Lakes Trail, whereas the Lower Lake campground and Lower Lake Day Use Area are located on the west side closer to the lakeshore.

2. What is the project?

This project involved the relocation of walk-in tent sites from the Lower Lake Campground to the Boulton Creek Campground. The ten walk-in tent sites at Lower Lake Campground were chronically closed due to a high level of bear activity within close proximity to the sites. In 2015, these sites were formally decommissioned. In 2016, nine tent sites were constructed in Loop C of the Boulton Creek Campground. This construction used an existing waste disposal loop, which now serves as the main parking lot for the tent sites. The waste disposal was relocated to the other side of the campground loop. This construction diversifies the types of camping options available at Boulton Creek Campground.

3. What are the project details?

Alberta Parks completed construction of the following in Loop C of the Boulton Creek Campground:

- Six walk-in tent sites
- Three small auto-access campsites
- A gravel tent pad, firepit, picnic table, and site marker at each new site
- Bear-proof food storage bins in the parking lot for walk-in campers
- New gravel pathway leading to the walk-in sites from the parking area and continuing to the nearest outhouse.

4. When was construction completed?

Construction of the new tent sites and gravel path was completed in the fall of 2016. Campsite markers and food locker installation will be completed prior to summer 2017.

These tent sites will be added to the [Reserve Alberta Parks](#) system and can be booked online.

5. Will the walk-in tent sites add to the risk of negative encounters between people and bears at Boulton Creek Campground?

The presence of walk-in tent sites does not increase the risk of human-wildlife encounters. In the case of the Lower Lake Campground walk-in sites, it was the site location that was the larger contribution to human-wildlife encounters. The old tent sites were built very close to very productive bear habitat, which created situations where bears were very close to campers. This presented a significant human safety risk. The new location for these sites in Boulton Creek Campground is not as near to bear habitat and current bear GPS location data shows that even though the campground is in bear habitat, bears tend to pass through this area without incident. The provision of bear-proof food storage lockers also helps increase camper safety.

6. Who should I contact for more information?

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